

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 2-8, 10-18 and 22 are pending in the subject application. Claims 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17 and 18 are withdrawn from consideration.

By the instant amendment, claims 10 and 16 are amended. No new matter is added. Claims 11 and 12 are independent.

A. Rejoinder of Withdrawn Claims 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17 and 18

Applicants note that the Figures of the originally filed application merely illustrate exemplary embodiments including one or more aspects of the invention. That is, combinations of the one or more aspects of the invention illustrated in each of the Figures of the originally filed application may be employed in various other embodiments consistent with the originally filed specification. Applicants kindly refer the Examiner to paragraph [0032] of the originally filed specification that clearly states that the “invention may, however, be embodied in different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein.”

Further, Applicants respectfully disagree with the analysis of the withdrawn claims on pages 4-7 of the outstanding Office action. For example, with respect to withdrawn claims 6-7, applicants respectfully submit that since each of FIGS. 7 and 8 includes an outlet connection pipe between a pipe 100 and respective cooling tanks 134 and 150, and respective outlet fluid control units 126a and 152a connecting the connection pipe to the pipe 100, interpretation of claim 6 with respect to a second outlet fluid control in view of the originally filed specification and figures would have been clear to one of ordinary skill in the art. Similarly, interpretation of each of withdrawn claims 8, 14, 15, 17 and 18 would have been clear to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of the originally filed specification and figures.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11 and 12 are generic to each of the claims depending therefrom, and thus, withdrawn non-elected claims 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17 and

18 should be rejoined. Further, each of claims 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17 and 18, which depend from one of allowable claims 11 and 12, are also allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 11 and 12 are allowable.

B. Introduction

In the outstanding Office Action Made Final:

- i) claims 10 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement; and
- ii) claims 2-5, 11-13 and 22 were allowed.

C. Asserted Rejection of Claims 10 and 16

In the outstanding Office Action Made Final, claims 10 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the phrase “at least one” in each of claims 10 and 16 was objected to as allegedly being new matter. Applicants still disagree with the assertion in the outstanding Office action. In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, however, claims 10 and 16 are amended to clarify language pointed out by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

D. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 2-5, 11-13 and 22. For the reasons discussed herein, applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable.

E. Conclusion

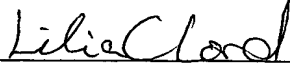
If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited, and an early and favorable further action upon all the claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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